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Name of Invention Carpet Freshener Release/Attachment/Bracket
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/LW/ Inventor: Robert S. Brown, Spartanburg, S.C.
Appl. No.: 956,028; Patent No.: 4,381,157
Filed: October 30, 1978
Invention: Rug Cleaner
Date of Patent: April 26, 1983

Inventor: Walter L. Bessinger, Grand Haven, Mich.
Appl. No.: 77, 569; Patent No.: 4,268,935
Filed: September 21, 1979
Invention: Carpet Cleaning Machine
Date of Patent: May 26, 1981

Inventor: Walter L. Bessinger, Grand Haven, Michigan
Appl. No.: 921,194; Patent No. 4,240,569
Filed: July 3, 1978
Invention: Carpet Cleaning Powder Dispenser
Date of Patent: December 23, 1980

Inventors: Robert S. Brown; Robert C. Fay, both of Spartanburg, S.C.
Appl. No.: 821,172; Patent No.: 4,183,112
Filed: August 2, 1977
Invention: Device for Scrubbing Carpet
Date of Patent: January 15, 1980

Inventors: **John E. Jones**, Greenville; **William K. Glenn III**, Anderson, both of S.C.
Appl. No.: 453,364; Patent No.: 4,457,042
Filed: December 27, 1982
Invention: Carpet Cleaning Power Head Device
Date of Patent: July 3, 1984

Inventor: Geoffrey B. Rench, Racine, Wisconsin
Appl. No: 607,363; Patent No.: 5,086,539
Filed: October 31, 1990
Invention: Carpet Cleaning Machine with Pattern-Oriented Vacuum Nozzle
Date of Patent: February 11, 1992

Inventors: **James Dyson**, Sycamore House, United Kingdom; **Donald J. LaBute**, Welland, Canada
Appl. No.: 291,344; Patent No.: 5,101,532
Filed: December 29, 1988
Invention: Powder Dispensing and Cleaning Apparatus
Date of Patent: April 7, 1992

/LW/ Inventor: Ballantyne
Patent No.: 3,108,312

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All of these patents have abstracts and claims that consist of some kind of built-in agent being released or dispensed for carpet cleaning purposes. One of the aforementioned patents make mention of methods, that clean particles from a rug using rotary brushes or a beater that uniformly work together—another patent that we have listed even scrubs. One has a system of cleaning carpet; another has different vacuum nozzle parts that are built-in attachments but they basically do the same things as the others that were cited. Others even bid different solvents or ingredients for their invention to remove dirt from the carpet that can only be achieved through vacuuming. The originality of each existing patent –what makes it different-- is the design of the built-in apparatus that defines the cleaning contraption or vacuum cleaner.

The Bessinger, Ballantyne, Rench, Brown, Dyson and Jones etc. all make a declaration to clean carpet using a variety of diverse built-in vacuum cleaning methods but none offers a carpet freshener bracket/release or dispenser/attachment, which our invention proposes. What's more, they are all machines that clean carpet -- designed in some way or another to eliminate dirt!! Our invention is understood to be no more than a bracket that attaches itself to a vacuum cleaner that dispenses a carpet and room deodorizer to a carpet surface. It is snapped alongside the vacuum cleaner, with the intent to leave a fresh scent on the carpet when the gadget is in use. It is not a machine invention/design nor should it be compared to a patent design/invention that is machine oriented. The invention we are proposing is an attachment for a vacuum cleaner that includes a powder or liquid dispenser, which releases a carpet and room deodorizer onto a carpet surface—the freshener is released while the vacuuming takes place. This allows for the carpet and room deodorizer to be evenly distributed onto the carpet surface at the same time it is being cleaned. The carpet and room deodorizer is formulated to leave a fresh and clean scent on the carpet. The scent of something that deodorizes usually is sweet smelling or is a substance that gives off a pleasant odor. If it is liquid then it will contain fragrant oils mixed with alcohol that is safe for carpet freshening application. Our barely, featherweight attachment invention is snapped alongside the vacuum cleaner for quick and easy use. Totally dissimilar to any patent already in existence. We do not offer nor guarantee any **cleaning** with this facilitation. So, in closing, the only commonality we share with these existing patents is the fact that we must use a vacuum cleaner to achieve our goal for sprinkling the deodorizer onto the carpet. The former listed are all carpet-cleaning machines and/or strategies that are designed to eliminate dirt not originate aroma.

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